

Selwyn House School



Gryphons

Rugby Tour



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PROGRAMME



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Selwyn House School is an independent, non-denominational, day school for 510 boys from Kindergarten to Grade 11, located in Westmount, in the heart of Montreal, Quebec. It is chartered by the Province of Quebec as a non-profit institution and has been "Declared in the Public Interest". The School is owned by the Selwyn House Association, operated by a Board of Directors and administered by the Headmaster. The primary language of instruction is English. However, French is taught at every level.

History

The School was founded in 1908 by Mr. Algernon Lucas, as graduate of Selwyn College, Cambridge, to educate boys to 13 years of age. Its first location was in downtown Montreal, on MacKay Street, and in 1930 it moved to more spacious quarters on Redpath Street. Upon the death, in 1945, of its fourth Headmaster, Mr. Geoffrey H. Wanstall, the ownership of the School was transferred to the Selwyn House Association, a newly-created group of Old Boys and interested parents. In 1960 the building housing Westmount High School was acquired and the School moved into these, its present quarters. The relocation not only provided expanded, first-rate facilities but it also enabled the School to offer instruction beyond the junior high school level, through to matriculation and university entrance. With the Acquisition of a new building in 1985, the School increased its floor space by 50 percent while remaining committed to maintaining present enrollment levels. In 1993 a Kindergarten was added while Grades 5 and 6 became French Immersion years.

Headmaster's Greetings

The school is delighted to be sending two of its rugger teams on this tour of Ireland, England and Wales. We are extremely grateful to our hosts who have already done so much through their careful and thoughtful preparations and special arrangements for ensuring that this experience will be worthwhile in every way, be it educational, sporting or social.

I would like to wish all participants in this tour the best of luck and I would encourage all to take every opportunity for personal growth through the comradeship, sportsmanship and international understanding made possible by the various sporting, cultural and educational activities which have been planned.

Finally, I would like to thank the Selwyn House staff members who are taking the responsibility for supervision and the parents of the students who have been so encouraging and supportive of this effort.

The Guru's Comments

This is our third Rugby tour abroad and our first to Ireland. The success of these tours have always been the people who have so willingly and enthusiastically welcomed us into their homes and the coaches who have helped us organize these adventures. These tours would not be possible without the support of our parents and coaches and one again, I would like to thank everyone for their continued enthusiasm. I know that we will be proud of our boys' efforts on and off the field and I wish them every success.

Rugby at Selwyn House

The birth of rugby at Selwyn House actually occurred the last year the School occupied the building on Redpath. In that year, Martin Lewis, a Welshman with a great tradition of rugby, joined the physical education staff and introduced the game to the boys from Selwyn House. They played rugby at Beaver Lake but only as an intramural activity and concentrating mainly on VIII's. At this particular time, no formal rugby team program existed in the Montreal area schools. In fact, Selwyn House actually played the first high school rugby game in Montreal when the School defeated Strathcona High School in a 10'aside game. Nevertheless, the School's tradition of 7'aside continued to exist because of the fewer number of boys required, although the School's intramural program did expand to include teams from 7 11.

Obviously, the rugby clubs in the city were delighted to see the spectre of rugby expanded and all of them, but particularly Westmount, did all that could be done to encourage the addition of rugby to the high school athletic programs. Martin Lewis was very specific about adding a new team sport rather than competing against an already established one and consequently a decision was reached to play rugby in the spring rather than compete against American football in the fall. To this date all of the schoolboy rugby in the Province continues to be played at that time despite the restrictions of time fostered by the late arriving Montreal spring.

Although the School continued to play exhibition games in both XV's and VII's, it wasn't until 1971 that the School entered the G.M.I.A.A. 7's Tournament. That year the senior team lost in the final minute, of the final game, to finish second to Monklands High School. Martin Lewis continued to be the heart of the rugby program passing on both enthusiasm and technique to the teams from Selwyn House.

In 1972 the School took a major step into competitive rugby when it decided to enter G.M.I.A.A. league competition. At the same time a long-haired Peter Govan was hired on a part time

basis to assist with the rugby program. Two Bantam, one Junior and one Senior teams were entered into league play and although they did not meet with much success, the School's enthusiasm for rugby continued unabated. To some extent the culmination of years of practice peaked in 1974 when the Govan-coached Senior XV's won the School's first G.M.I.A.A. Championship (in any sport) when they defeated Lindsay Place 4 - 2 in an exciting, see-saw battle, played at Verdun Stadium. Ironically the father of rugby, Martin Lewis, had left Selwyn House the year previous, to enter into the business world. That same year the Junior and the Senior VII's lost in the finals off tournament play; Chambers, Hesler, Stevenson, Bloxam, Rohlichek and Howson are players whose names are associated with the success of 1974.

Rugby continued to thrive, and in 1976 the Bantam XV's and VII's (Kynes, Nemec, Carter, Baillargeon, Seward) won their first championship. 1976 also marked the arrival of Eddie Heath to the coaching ranks. Ever since, the teams at Selwyn House have been noted for their tenacity and fitness thanks to Eddie's influence.

1977 marked one of the School's most successful seasons as the Bantams with a 6 - 1 season were victorious in both XV's and VII's. (A. Nemec, Smith, Berton, Ogilvy) while the Seniors had a 7 - 0 record in league play, winning the city championship and losing only to B.C.S. in an exhibition game (Bird, Ballantyne, Large, Quintana and Panet-Raymond).

In 1979 the Senior XV captained for the third consecutive year by Karl Nemec repeated the successes of 1977 and even defeated B.C.S. in the process (A. Nemec, Osmond, Pateras, Bertos, Gault, Thompson). Not to be outdone, the Bantams of 1980 were victorious in both XVIII's and VII's and only allowed four points to be scored on them all year (Zyto, Ullman, Drummond, Mehnert, Price, Morden, DeLeonardis).

In 1981 the G.M.I.A.A. was replaced by the G.M.A.A. and Selwyn House benefitted from a re-alignment of age categories allowing the School to enter three age categories rather than the traditional two. That year the newly added Midget age category was dominated by Selwyn House who won both the VII and XV Championships. The School yearbook mentions, "The skillful

though somewhat stern" coaching of Eddie Heath as being inspirational to the likes of Ullman, Sephton, Drummond, MacFarlane, Pascal, DeLeonardis, Zyto, MacKay. The Midgets repeated their successes the following year, after a slow start (VonMoltke, Mehnert, Doyle, Blachford, Nader, Higgins, Patterson).

A decade of futility ended in 1982 when for the first time a Govan-coached senior team on the VII's championship defeating B.C.S. in the final (Gault, Skinner, Drummond, MacFarlane, DeLeonardis).

In 1983 Mike Maurovich joined the permanent staff and continued the fine tradition of coaching that Selwyn House rugby players have come to expect and in 1986 his Bantam team was victorious at XV's (Hinchey, Williams, Kovalik, Fok).

The first trip overseas occurred in the spring of 1987; only the senior team participated in this inaugural event. Although the team was 0 - 6, three of the games were close and could have gone either way. However, despite the losses, lessons were learned and the trip was a grand success. (Capombassis, Black, Fletcher, Guzzo, Bard, Blundell, Lehnert). the Bantams of 1987 continued to be a testament to Coach Maurovich's abilities as they thumped Riverdale 43-0 in the season's finale (Valdmanis, Banerjee, Carsley, Macdonald).

Coach Alfie Paoletti arrived at Selwyn House in 1987 while longtime parent, experienced rugby player and erstwhile team cheerleader, Sid Sandford, continued his association with the School's rugby program. Their efforts were rewarded when 1988 marked one of the School's most successful seasons. The Bantams (Carsley, Spence, Taylor, Fleiszer, Guinness) and Midgets (Hinchey, Fok, Rutledge, Hatton, Banerjee) won City Championships while the Seniors lost a heartbreaker in the league finals (Tobman, Verchere, Vinh, Bouhairie, Pathy).

The tradition of Bantam victories continued into 1989 when Coach Paoletti was again victorious (Spence, Fleiszer, Brooks, Vassiliou, Schiffirin) while the Seniors took some solace in a VII's championship (Williams, Fok, Yoo, Hinchey, Rutledge).



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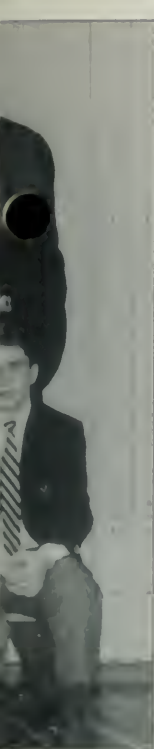
Gryphon Midget Rugby Team

Row #1: T. Lin, J. Brooks, A. Blaikie, L. Isaac, R. Rutledge,
G. Colby, J. Ayas

Row #2: T. No, G. Kruger, C. Aranda, A. Schauer,
C. Fordyce, E. Pedicelli, P. Gomez, S. Bailey,
T. Pinchevsky, C. No

Row #3: J. Macdonald, R. Fargnoli, H. Blomfield,
Mr. A. Paoletti, Mr. D. Cude, Mr. M. Maurovich, W. Cobbett,
R. Sniderman, T. Watt





Gryphon Senior Rugby Team

Row #1: R. Ayas, D. Drury, Mr. P. Govan, Mr. M. Boyle,
A. Lord, D. McKinnon, T. Cavell, Mr. R. Wearing
Row #2: N. Hunt, M. Andermann, M. Schaffer, D. Novak,
J. Wakrat, L. Pearson, S. McIntyre
Row #3: P. Brown, C. Gayton, B. Wearing, S. Weigensberg,
E. Gross, S. Bonny, F. San Gregorio

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The 1990 season was highlighted by our second trip overseas where games were played in London, Melrose and Edinburgh in Scotland and Swansea in Wales. It was a difficult trip because SHS was well overmatched in age and size in Wales and the Welsh teams were not giving anything away to the touring Canadians. To our players' credit, they did not back down but played their hearts out against older and more talented teams. For the first time a Midget team was included on the tour and in their game SHS was much more evenly matched. In hindsight, our rugby program was able to benefit for three years from the British Isles experience. In 1990 and 1991 both the Midget teams and the Seniors won the 15'aside championships. During those two years the Midgets remained undefeated (Dedicek, Spence, Fleiszer). The Senior victory in 1990 was highlighted by Coach Govan's confidence in the ability of Ron Simpson and "Long Gone" Tony Braun's try in the championship game (Valdmanis, Bradeen, Rutledge).

In 1991 the Senior team may have been one our best ever as they (Carsley, Lapierriere, Hoare, Robertson, McGuire, Tingley) not only defeated all the teams in G.M.A.A. play, but also defeated the Quebec Under 17 and Under 19 teams in season-ending exhibition games.

Last year the Midgets and Seniors won only 7'aside Championships, and the Senior Team (Dedicek, Kabuga, Fleiszer, Pitfield) completed four years of undefeated 7'aside play.

In the 22 years that Selwyn House has been entered in league competition, its teams have been responsible for some 36 different championships in the various age categories. This is indeed a tribute to the quality of the rugby program, the dedication of the coaches and the enthusiasm of the players

Midget Team Roster

Last Name	First Name	Birthdate	Wt	Ht
Aranda	Chris	5/1/79	150	5'9
Ayas	Joseph	4/12/79	155	6'0
Bailey	Scott	3/4/79	130	5'6
Blaikie	Anthony	4/13/78	190	6'2
Blomfield	Hugo	6/9/78	140	5'8
Brooks	James	6/20/80	170	5'11
Cobbett	William	6/1/78	145	5'7
Colby	Graham	4/8/79	150	6'0
Fordyce	Chris	1/23/79	145	6'0
Goldwarg	Eric	8/28/78	130	5'7
Gomez	Paul	5/30/79	145	5'8
Isaac	Lawrence	1/17/78	160	6'1
Kruger	Gene	3/30/79	145	5'9
Lin	Thomas	1/16/78	158	5'10
MacDonald	John	7/3/78	140	5'7
No	Toby	11/23/79	170	5'10
No	Colin	11/23/79	170	5'10
Pedicelli	Eric	4/29/79	142	5'11
Pinchevsky	Tal	9/27/78	145	5'8
Rutledge	Robert	7/27/78	170	6'0
Schauer	Adrian	5/9/79	158	5'9
Sniderman	Robert	8/3/79	100	5'1
Watt	Thomas	3/25/79	90	5'0

Coaching Staff: Mr. Mike Maurovich
Mr. Alf Paoletti
Mr. David Cude

Senior Team Roster

Last Name	First Name	Birthdate	Wt	Ht
Andermann	Mark	6/1/77	145	5'9
Ayas	Raymond	12/4/77	155	6'0
Basilieres	Stephen	8/24/76	175	6'0
Bonny	Shawn	5/13/77	145	5'6
Brown	Patrick	9/30/77	145	5'9
Cavell	Tyler	10/12/76	195	6'1
Drury	David	11/19/76	170	6'0
Fagnoli	Robert	8/12/78	170	5'8
Gayton	Chris	10/30/76	170	5'7
Gross	Eric	4/20/77	127	5'7
Gross	Jonathan	4/20/77	160	5'10
Hunt	Neill	8/19/77	140	5'11
Lord	Andrew	8/25/77	175	6'4
McIntyre	Sean	4/6/77	158	6'1
McKinnon	David	4/10/78	150	5'7
Novak	David	11/2/77	210	5'10
Pearson	Louis	7/3/77	157	5'6
San Gregorio	Francesco	12/14/77	142	5'7
Schaffer	Marc	3/14/77	160	5'10
Wakrat	Jonathan	6/26/77	175	5'7
Wearing	Ben	12/2/76	175	5'11
Weigensberg	Stuart	2/11/77	145	5'7

Coaching Staff: Mr. Peter Govan
Mr. Rob Wearing
Mr. Marty Boyle

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Friday, March 18	Departure from Mirabel
Saturday, March 19	Arrival in London 9:00am Departure for Dublin
Sunday, March 20	Arrive in Dublin West County Hotel, Chapellizoid Practice at St. Columbia School Dinner at Hotel Sightseeing
Monday, March 21	Sightseeing Practice with Irish Technical Director 17th Century Dinner
Tuesday, March 22	Games with St. Andrew' s Reception after games
Wednesday, March 23	Dundrum House, Cashel in Tipperary Golfing, Riding, Fishing
Thursday, March 24	Bus to Bandon Games at School Reception & Dance Billeting with families
Friday, March 25	Free Morning Killarney, Walking Tour
Saturday, March 26	Waterford, Blarney Castle Waterford Glass Works
Sunday, March 27	Games & Reception, Waterford Park Sch.

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Monday, March 28	Ferry to Fishguard, Wales Billeting with families
Tuesday, March 29	Bus tour along Welsh Coast Games & Reception vs Fishguard & St. David's
Wednesday, March 30	Bus trip to London Bus tour of London, Plays
Thursday, March 31	Free Morning Games & Reception in Kent
Friday, April 1	Sightseeing in London Banquet
Saturday	Return to Canada



Rugby

An assembly of players on the field
Gaze at each other filled with hatred
the ball is kicked as the whistle is heard
And the runners are tackled, as expected.
The ball is released as the runner is jolted:
It rolls out of play, and a line is formed.
The ball is thrown to soar through the air,
And finally into the clutches of a leaping man,
Who holds it in the protection of his body
Until he hears the scrum half's demand.
The ball is passed down, and the forwards follow
To be ready to "ruck" if the runner is hit.
The "ruck" is formed and the ball is heeled back.
As the ball is picked up, they say, "Pass it to Stoner!"
The game comes to an end as the whistle is heard,
And the final score
Is three to four.

P. Panet-Raymond '78

NOTES